



Dear Parents and Carers,

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas!

This week, there have been various Christmas linked activities including an assembly led by members of Stoke Green Baptist Church, Christmas performances led by our fantastic children in Reception and Nursery and our delicious Christmas dinner. Our decorations on the tree look amazing and the top 3 entries will be judged next week.



We are looking forward to our Christmas fair after school today. Thank you in advance to our hardworking team of PTA volunteers!

Wishing you a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Wass



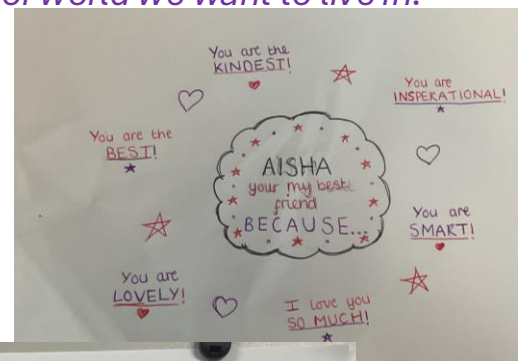
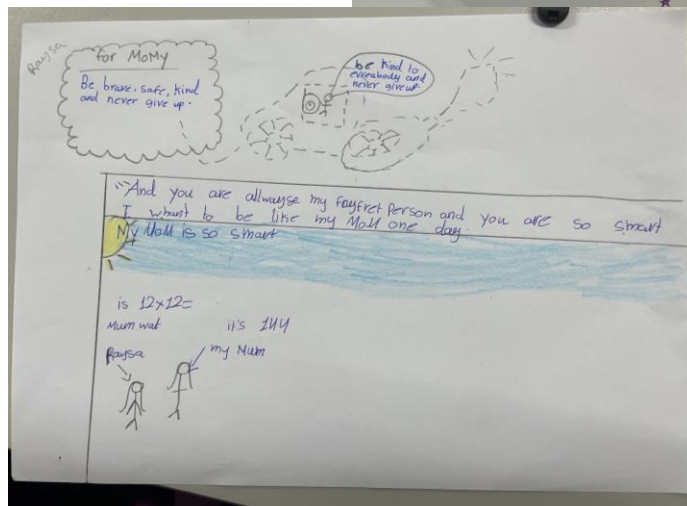
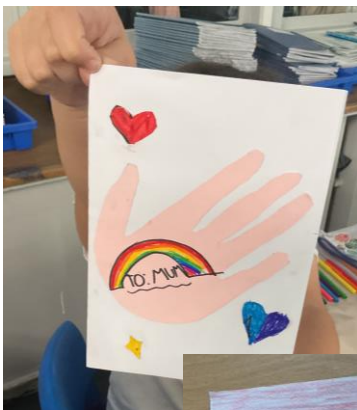


Kindness Workshop

On Wednesday afternoon, Y2 – Y6 joined a virtual Kindness Workshop where they learnt all about being kind and the impact it has on ourselves and others! The workshop was by '52 Lives', who are an organisation named after their aim of helping 1 person each week of the year, and led by Tanya from their School of Kindness.

First, we learnt about how kindness has 3 key qualities - being friendly, generous and considerate. We learnt about the science of kindness and about the positive impact it has on our physical, mental health. Next, we practiced empathy by watching videos of kindness in action then said kind things to each other!

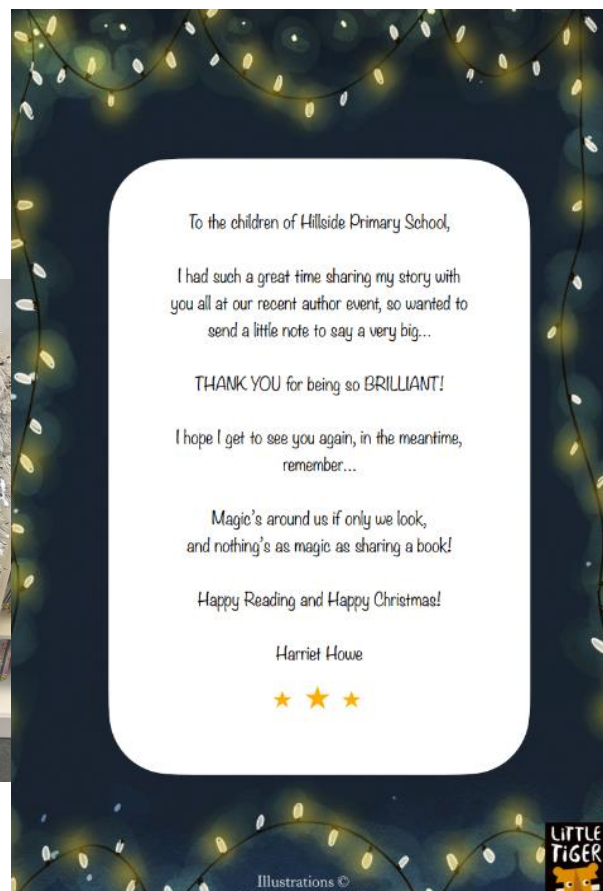
We then all had a go at a quiz (where everyone did amazingly!) before putting our kindness into action and choosing one person to make something kind for. Finally, we looked at the quote 'be the change that you want to see in the world' and decided that we can help to create the kind of world we want to live in!





A Santa-Filled Storytime at Stoke Library

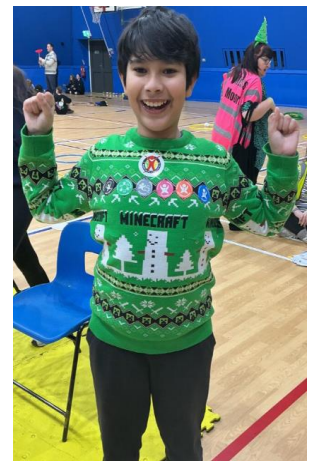
Year 1 and 2 children had the wonderful opportunity to meet some inspiring authors at Stoke Library this week. They played a fun game where they had to find the letters to spell *Santa's* name and then listened to the beautiful story *The Street Where Santa Lives* by Harriet Howe. The children were delighted to receive their own copy of the book, along with a special note from the author.





PE & Sport

On Thursday, Miss Cantin, Mrs Wood and Miss Moore, took a group of children to Inspire for Christmas themed activity event. We took part in a range of activities and we all had so much fun! Well done to those involved!

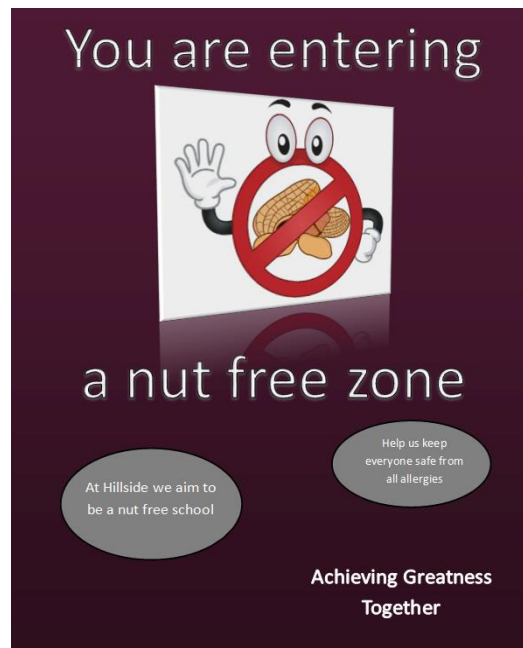




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Our aim to be a 'Nut-Free' school
means that the following items
should not be brought into school

- Packs of nuts
- Peanut butter or Nutella sandwiches
- Fruit and cereal bars that contain nuts
- Chocolate bars that contain nuts
- Chocolate bars or sweets that contain nuts
- Sesame seed rolls (children allergic to nuts may also have a severe reaction to sesame)
- Cakes made with nuts
- Any home cooked meals for packed lunches that are made from nuts
- Hazelnut chocolate croissants



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Autumn / Winter Menu Week 1					
10 th Nov, 1 st & 22 nd Dec, 19 th Jan, 9 th Feb, 2 nd & 29 th March					
WEEK ONE	FAVOURITES MONDAY	WORLD TUESDAY	ROAST WEDNESDAY	PIZZA PARTY THURSDAY	FISH FRIDAY
Main Meal Option 1	Red Tractor Pork Sausage Roll & Home-baked Potato Wedges	Beef Taco with Corn Tortilla, Tomato Sauce & Sunny Rice	Roast Chicken Gravy, Stuffing & Roast Potatoes	Wholemeal Tomato & Cheese Pizza & Home-baked Potato Wedges	MSC Fish Fingers & Chips
Main Meal Option 2	Macaroni Cheese	Italian Quorn Meatballs served with Pasta ^{VG}	Quorn Grill, Gravy, Stuffing & Roast Potatoes	Vegetable Sausage in a Bun with Home-baked Potato Wedges ^{VG}	Vegetable Fingers & Chips with Ketchup ^{VG}
Sandwiches	Ham	Cheese	Tuna Mayonnaise	Cheese	Ham
Vegetables	Baked Beans & Sweetcorn	Country Mixed Veg or Broccoli	Seasonal Greens & Carrots	British Red Tractor Garden Peas, Sweetcorn	British Red Tractor Garden Peas, Baked Beans
Baked Jacket Potatoes	Jacket Potato with Cheesy Beans, Tuna Mayo or Cheese or Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheesy Beans, Tuna Mayo or Cheese or Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheesy Beans, Tuna Mayo or Cheese or Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheesy Beans, Tuna Mayo or Cheese or Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheesy Beans, Tuna Mayo, Cheese, Salmon Mayo, or Beans
Dessert	Vanilla Shortbread ^{VG} & Chocolate Sauce	Chocolate & Pear Crumble ^{VG} & Custard	Strawberry Jelly ^{VG}	Oaty Date Cookie	Vanilla Ice Cream

Available Daily: Salad, Fresh Bread, Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt

Autumn / Winter Menu Week 2					
27 th Oct, 17 th Nov, 8 th Dec, 5 th & 26 th Jan, 16 th Feb, 9 th March					
WEEK TWO	FAVOURITES MONDAY	WORLD TUESDAY	ROAST WEDNESDAY	PIZZA PARTY THURSDAY	FISH FRIDAY
Main Meal Option 1	Pork Sausage & Mash with Gravy	Red Tractor Beef Pasta Bolognese & Garlic Bread	Roast Chicken, Gravy, Yorkshire Pudding & Roast Potatoes	Wholemeal Margherita Pizza & Home-baked Potato Wedges	MSC Battered Pollock & Chips
Main Meal Option 2	Veggie Sausage & Baked Bean Hot Pot ^{VG}	Plant-based Pasta Bolognese & Garlic Bread	Quorn Grill, Gravy, Yorkshire Pudding & Roast Potatoes	Macaroni Cheese	Cheese Fian & Chips
Sandwiches	Ham	Cheese	Tuna Mayonnaise	Cheese	Ham
Vegetables	Broccoli, Sweetcorn or Baked Beans	Broccoli, Cauliflower & Carrots	Seasonal Greens & Carrots	British Red Tractor Garden Peas, or Sliced Carrots	British Red Tractor Garden Peas, Baked Beans
Baked Jacket Potatoes	Jacket Potato with Cheesy Beans, Tuna Mayo or Cheese or Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheesy Beans, Tuna Mayo or Cheese or Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheesy Beans, Tuna Mayo or Cheese or Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheesy Beans, Tuna Mayo or Cheese or Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheesy Beans, Tuna Mayo or Cheese or Beans
Dessert	Chocolate Mousse	Chocolate Fudge Cake	Apple Crumble ^{VG} & Custard	Flapjack ^{VG}	Shortbread Pin Wheels & Fruit Slices ^{VG}

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Autumn / Winter Menu Week 3					
3 rd & 24 th Nov, 15 th Dec, 12 th Jan, 2 nd & 23 rd Feb, 16 th March					
WEEK THREE	FAVOURITES MONDAY	WORLD TUESDAY	ROAST WEDNESDAY	PIZZA PARTY THURSDAY	FISH FRIDAY
Main Meal Option 1	Beef Burger with Home-baked Potato Wedges	Mild Chicken Curry served with Mixed Rice	Roast Chicken, Gravy, Stuffing & Roast Potatoes	Margherita Pizza with Home-baked Potato Wedges	MSC Fish Fingers & Chips
Main Meal Option 2	Vegetable Burger with Home-baked Potato Wedges ^{VG}	Vegetable Sausage Hotdog served with Home-baked Potato Wedges ^{VG}	Quorn Grill, Gravy, Stuffing & Roast Potatoes	Vegetable Lasagne & Garlic Bread	Crispy Vegetable Fingers & Chips ^{VG}
Sandwiches	Ham	Cheese	Tuna Mayonnaise	Cheese	Ham
Vegetables	Sweetcorn, Baked Beans	Broccoli, Cauliflower & Carrots	Seasonal Greens & Carrots	Broccoli or Sweetcorn	British Red Tractor Garden Peas, Baked Beans
Baked Jacket Potatoes	Jacket Potato with Cheesy Beans, Tuna Mayo or Cheese or Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheesy Beans, Tuna Mayo or Cheese or Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheesy Beans, Tuna Mayo or Cheese or Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheesy Beans, Tuna Mayo or Cheese or Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheesy Beans, Tuna Mayo or Cheese or Beans
Dessert	Chocolate Oaty Slice ^{VG}	Syrup Sponge Pudding & Custard	Apple & Cinnamon Rolls	Vanilla Cookie & Fruit Slices ^{VG}	Iced Sponge Cake with Sprinkles

Available Daily: Salad, Fresh Bread, Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt

England's target for 'free sugar' intake for your child
* Recommended fruit and vegetable portion sizes are calculated using School Food Standards.
On average our desserts do not exceed a third of a child's recommended 'free sugar' intake.





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SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN

Suffolk County Council is committed to
safeguarding children.

To report a child at risk of harm, abuse
or neglect, you can contact Customer

First on

0808 800 4005



We are aware that parents sometimes have concerns about the welfare of other children in the school or within their community. As parents, you are often aware of problems or issues that we, as a school do not have information about. Safeguarding children and young people is everyone's responsibility and it is important that we all know how to report concerns to the appropriate people. If you feel that you have information about a child or young person who is at risk of harm; whether that is neglect, emotional abuse, sexual abuse or physical abuse, please contact Customer First on 0800 800 4005 or via their online report forms. This can be done entirely anonymously, so you do not need to worry about others knowing that you have shared the concern. If you are unsure if the information you have warrants a safeguarding concern or want support around the worries that you have, please feel free to contact the school and ask to speak to one of the safeguarding team.



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Success really does start with attendance

We support first and think about the family!

We want every single one of our children to be an Attendance Hero:

Good attendance means...
being in school at least 95% of the time or 180 to 190 days



Here
Everyday
Ready
On time

Target 25-26 = 96%



Whole School 94.79%

Every day counts!

4H 98%, 2C 97.69%, 4T 97.33%, 6M 95.33%, 5P 95%, 3C 94.67%, RB 94.09%, 1L 94%, 3R 93.33%, 5LC 91.33%, 2M 90.42%, 6C 89.33%, RL 89.17%, C1 88.17%, 1D 88.1%

If your child is not well enough to attend school, please report this by phoning the Office on 01473 601402 option 1 from 7.30am. We MUST receive this information by 8.45am

Please support us in reducing the number of school days lost.

A day off school means a day where learning is lost.





How to Support your Child's Learning

There are many things that you can do to support your child's learning at home, and we actively encourage you to do so. See below for our homework expectations and parents share dates for this term. On the next pages, we have also shared recommendations for reading at home and parent guides to Numbots and Times Tables Rock Stars.



Homework Year 1 - 6

Daily:

- Reading for 20 minutes 5 times/week
- Numbots/Times Tables Rock Stars for 3 minutes 5 times/week

Weekly:

- My Maths
- Sticky Question

Half termly:

- Activities/tasks on the curriculum overview

Parent Share Dates

- Nursery - 7th October 10:30am - All About Me Focus
- Nursery - 12th December 10:30am - Christmas Focus
- Reception - 2nd October 2:00pm - Phonics Meeting
- Reception - 11th December 2:00pm - Reception Christmas Performance
- Year 1 - 10th October 2:00pm - DT Focus
- Year 2 - 16th October 2:00pm - DT Focus
- Year 3 - 17th October 2:00pm - History Focus
- Year 4 - 26th September 2:00pm - French Focus
- Year 5 - 25th November 2:00pm - Science Focus
- Year 6 - 2nd December 2:00pm - History Focus





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Sunday 14th December

4 pm



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ACTIVE BLUES

STARTS 7 JANUARY 2026 | ENDS 25 MARCH 2026
BURLINGTON CHURCH, IP1 2HA | WEDNESDAYS 09:30-11:00

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Join us for our **FREE** 12-week course which includes advice on sleep, nutrition, blood pressure and mental wellbeing. As well as guidance on light exercise that you can do in the comfort of your own home.

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Diary Dates

Monday 15th December – Yr 4 & 5 theatre trip

Monday 15th December – Year 1 and 2 Christmas production at 2pm

Tuesday 16th December – Year 1 and 2 Christmas production at 9.15am

Tuesday 16th December -Year 3 and 4 Carol service at 10am

Wednesday 17th December – Yr 1 and 6 theatre trip

Thursday 18th December – 8.345am Coffee event for parents and Year 5 and 6 Carol Service at 10am

Friday 19th December – Non-school uniform day. Christmas class parties.

Friday 19th December – Last day of the term

Monday 5th January 2026 – Non Pupil Day

Tuesday 6th January – Children return to school

Wednesday 7th January – Measles Vaccination in the school

If you missed the vaccination clinic that was held in November, there will be another chance on 7th January.





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SEND COFFEE MORNING



**Thursday 18th December
8:45am**

A chance to meet with
Miss Wood and Miss Ola

We will also be joined by
Simon Bainbridge

Head of SENDV from Active Learning Trust



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Attendance tips of the week!

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of term, I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the importance of attendance to the very last day of term (Friday 19th December).

We understand that during the autumn term, when the weather changes, children can start to feel under the weather. If your child is feeling unwell, please support us in motivating them to attend. You can support your child by packing their school bag with lots of fluids, giving some pain relief, if necessary, and encouraging them to rest after school. Please be reassured that staff will always make sure that children are well looked after. For any further attendance support please do not hesitate to contact us.

After a 2 week break, we return to school on Tuesday 6th January ready for the Spring term.

Thanks for all your support.



House points

Suffolk: 45

Cambridge: 77

Oxford: 59

Bristol: 50





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We need you!



Join our Local Governing Body (LGB)

We're looking for Governors to join the LGB at Hillside Primary School.

A Governor can be someone who is a parent, carer or family member of a child at our school.

Someone who is not currently connected to the school who brings expertise, possibly from a sector outside of education, can also join the LGB as a Governor.

If you have a passion for supporting education and an interest in representing the local community, get in touch today!

This is a volunteer role, with a commitment to attend LGB meetings at the school.



In return, we offer all the training and ongoing support you need. Plus it's an opportunity to make a real difference to the lives of local children... and it's a great addition to your CV!

**Please contact
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**If your child was born between
1 September 2021 and
31 August 2022,
you must apply for a full-time
Reception Year school place by
15 January 2026**



You **must** make an application even if your child already has a place in a nursery class, pre-school or family hub

To apply for a place or for more information you can visit:

www.suffolk.gov.uk/admissions

Information is also available from:

- The Admissions Team on **0345 600 0981**
- Your local school



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